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SUBJECT: BUSINESS TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA

1. SINCE THE MARCH 24 COUP THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM US BUSINESSMEN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF TRAVEL TO ARGENTINA. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RESPONDING THAT WE SEE NO BASIC CHANGE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION, THAT TEMPORARY VISITORS HAVE NOT BEEN THE TARGET OF TERRORIST ATTACKS, AND THAT WE HAVE NOT ADOPTED A POLICY OF DISCOURAGING SHORT TRIPS, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE LIMITED TO THE BUENOS AIRES AREA. THIS COVERS MOST INQUIRIES, WHICH INVOLVE PROPOSED VISITS OF TWO OR THREE DAYS TO BUENOS AIRES ONLY.

2. WE ARE LESS CERTAIN HOW TO ADVISE VISITORS PLANNING TRIPS OF SEVERAL WEEKS AND INVOLVING TRAVEL OUTSIDE BUENOS AIRES. THUS WE CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE TO CONSULT THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE VISIT BY E-SYSTEMS EXECUTIVES (STATE 111208). WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON A PROPOSAL BY ALLIS CHALMERS TO SEND A TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT MAY 24 FOR A TWO WEEK VISIT TO CELULOSA

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ARGENTINA, AT CAPITAN BERMUDEZ, PROVINCE OF SANTA FE, TO

GIVE THAT COMPANY TECHNICAL ADVICE ON THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FROM THE US FIRM.

3. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED ALLIS CHALMERS VISIT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S CONFIRMATION OF THE GUIDANCE OUTLINED IN PARA. 1 ABOVE AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW WE SHOULD ADVISE FIRMS PLANNING VISITS OF LONGER DURATION OR INVOLVING TRAVEL IN THE INTERIOR. ROBINSON

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